Final Assessment of Overcharged Amounts

2061. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2015 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1988 and state what are the reasons and circumstances under which the special team assessed tentative over-charged amounts and by when the final amounts would be assessed?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): The assessments of the Special Team for overcharged amount are treated as tentative until the team's reports for the entire period are received and the Government's final decisions thereon are taken.

Price control on Vitamins

2062. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that price of any formulation cannot be fixed in the absence of price control on the bulk drug;

(b) if so, on what basis multivitamin formulations are kept under price control whereas bulk vitamins are price decontrolled;

(c) whether it is also a fact that ORS as a formulation was not known when this product was included in category-I;

(d) what are the constituents of ORS and whether they conform to any pharmacopical specifications; and

(e) whether such constituents are bulk drugs as per definition given under DPCO, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) and (b) The prices of formulations in such cases are determined as per provisions of paragraphs 6 and 7 of DPCO, 1987.

(c) to (e) ORS contains various ingredients like Sodium Chloride, Potassium Chloride, Sodium Citrate and Dextrose etc. which have multiple uses as chemicals and bulk drugs.

Price control on drugs for mental health programme

2063. DR. BAPU KALDATE. Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Cabinet have decided that all the drugs required for the National Health Programme would be placed in Category-I

(b) whether it is also a fact that on 4th June, 1987 the Ministry of Health communicated to him that the National Programme for Mental Health is one of the National Health Programmes; and

(c) if so, on what basis drugs needed for this programme have been exempted from price control?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) As per measures announced by the Government in December, 1986 Category-I consists of drugs required for National Health Programme

(b) and (c) The drugs included in Schedule-I of DPCO, 1987 are as per recommendations of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Investment involved in Power Projects

2064 SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be

pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum level of investment involved in power projects that are submitted to Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for its scrutiny;

(b) what are the considerations for the requirement of power project authorities in States and Centre to seek approval from CEA for new power projects;

(c) what types of approvals, apart from techno-economic, are issued by CEA; and

(d) what are the projects including names, capacity, proposed investment and source of finance, location, concerned authority resource base of each project currently being examined by CEA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) Every scheme estimated to involve a capital expenditure exceeding Rs. 5 crores is statutorily required to be submitted to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for their concurrence. In respect of Power Schemes costing less than Rs. 5 crores only the details of the schemes have to be given to the CEA after their sanction by the State Authorities.

(b) Techno-economic appraisal of a scheme is carried out by the CEA to ensure that the scheme is consistent with the overall objectives of power development and represents the optimal option for meeting the requirements of power in the time frame envisaged in the project report. In this connection, the CEA and Central Water Commission (CWC) have circulated guidelines for investigation and preparation of feasibility and detailed project reports to the State Electricity Boards, State Governments and the Project Authorities.

(c) No other approvals apart from techno-economic are given by the CEA, for the implementation of power projects.

(d) Information in regard to the names, proposed capacity, location and estimated cost of the projects, which are under techno-economic examination in the CEA is given in the attached statement [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure 114]. The source of financing, Plan allocations etc. are decided after investment approval is accorded to the projects by the Planning Commission/Government.

Use of Foreign Exchange by NTPC AND NHPC

2065. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign exchange spendings by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) have gone up over the years while the country is faced with severe foreign exchange problems;

(b) what are the names of the foreign firms at present in service of both the companies and the scope and quantum of business including value of each order being handled by each foreign company; and

(c) what is the amount of foreign exchange outgo from the country involved in each deal and the date by when the contract is likely to ends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) While the utilisation of foreign exchange by NTPC has gone up, there has been a reduction in the utilisation of foreign exchange, by NHPC during the last three years.